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Virginia Air Board
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Woodbridge, VA 22193

Northern Va. Region
Dept. of Env. Quality

Dear Air Board:

I am writing in regards to the Potomac River Generating Station issue. It would seem to be in our best interest to allow them to move forward with their renovation project so we can benefit from the better environmental standards and cleaner air that would result.

I do not believe anyone can deny the need for the power they provide, so why would we do anything to prevent them from investing their own money to improve their facilities? Ignoring or blocking their permits to move forward simply increases the chance they can be shut down for not meeting modern emission standards, and closing a plant that provides enough power for more than 482,000 homes can have a pretty negative impact on our grid. Power outages could be the result, especially when we consider the ever growing demand for more energy in our region.

I have lived here my whole life, and am retired from the post office now. I can tell you, I wish no harm come to our community. Blocking these renovations and potentially forcing the future closure of the Mirant Power plant seems to bring more negative then the positive impact of staying open and upgrading to current standards.

Regards,

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